GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON RGDWM IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time fixed for completion of the construction work under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission in Bihar;

(b) whether there has been any delay in the said construction work;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): Water supply being a State subject, schemes and works for providing drinking water supply facilities to rural habitations are selected, sanctioned and implemented by the State Governments with their own resources. The Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission , Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Further funds are also provided under Prime Minister`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)-Rura Drinking Water component. Since powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement the rural drinking water supply works/schemes, laying down of time schedule for their completion comes within the domain of the State Government. Under rural drinking water supply sector reforms, a pilot project with total sanction amount of Rs. 4000.00 lakh has been sanctioned for Vaishali District and Rs.1122.00 lakh have been released in 2 instalments on 27.3.2001 and 28.4.2001. The schemes of this Project have the implementation cycle of 3 years.

As per the latest information received from the Government of Bihar, the status of coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply facilities as on 1-4-2001 indicates that 105336 are fully covered, 2 are partially covered and 2 are not covered.